provide the full required number of beds ?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—I cannot say.

Mr. Malur SUBBA RAO.—With reference to question (*b*), is it a fact that Mysoreans are generally kept waiting and admitted only if outsiders do not require accommodation ?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—That is not true, though accommodation is sometimes difficult to get in the general wards. But beds are always available in the special wards. When there are no patients from within the State, instead of keeping the beds vacant, we give them to applicants from outside and get more money. The fee charged in their case is Rs. 4 per day against Rs. 2-8-0 in the case of Mysoreans.

Mr. Malur SUBBA RAO.—Is it a fact that those on the waiting list are asked to reside somewhere in the Vontikoppal Extension and go to the sanatorium for treatment only as out-patients ?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—Yes, in some cases, they need not be in-patients.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Are you aware that one poor Mahomedan patient from Closepet has been trying to secure admission into the sanatorium for the past 4 or 5 years in vain ?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—We do not take in all cases as in-patients. We admit only such patients as can derive any benefit from the admission.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that in some cases patients are being tossed about from hospital to hospital owing to differences of opinion relating to diagnosis of the disease ?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—No. But there may be a few cases like that.

Mr. NIRVANAPPA SETTY.—Is it right on the part of the hospital authorities to inconvenience patients like that ?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—If any such cases are brought to notice, I shall institute necessary inquiries.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—What will be the cost of opening a sanatorium in Bangalore ?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—About Rs. 2 lakhs for the buildings and equipment and Rs 30,000 to Rs. 40,000 a year by way of recurring expenditure.

Mr. MIR MAHOMED SAHIB.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of opening a sanatorium in the malnad ?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—Yes, we would also do it very soon, provided funds become available.

Mr. M. SUBBAIYA.—Despite all the action taken, I am afraid the disease is on the increase. Is it not possible to completely eradicate it ?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—I am afraid that situated as we are at present, it is not possible completely to eradicate the disease. But if all people can have plenty of fresh air, healthy food and clean surroundings they will not suffer from tuberculosis at all. Prevention is certainly better than cure and with this end in view, we do plenty of propaganda through cinema films and hand-bills in order to educate the people.

Mr. S. K. VENKATARANGA IYENGAR.—The Senior Surgeon was pleased to say that with Rs. 2 lakhs a sanatorium can be opened at Bangalore. How many beds could it provide ?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—About 120.

Mr. S. K. VENKATARANGA IYENGAR.—Supposing the Municipality and the District Board agree to contribute a portion of the cost, will the Government be prepared to contribute the rest?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—That question may be considered if the local bodies are prepared to contribute and send up resolutions to that effect.

Mr. W. H. HANUMANTHAPPA.—The Bangalore City Municipality has already sent up a resolution and is awaiting the Government's reply.

Purchase of Medicines—Foreign and Local.

Q.—5. Messrs. T. MADIAH GOWDA (Chennapatna Taluk); **R. RANGIAH** (Chennapatna Municipality); **VEERASANJEEVE GOWDA** (Closepet Taluk); **S. KARIAPPA** (Kankanhalli Taluk) and **A. M. VENKATASAMIAH** (Closepet Municipality).—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) what is the total value of

medicines and other appliances purchased from foreign countries for use in the hospitals of the State in each of the five preceding years;

(*b*) what is the total value of such medicines, etc., purchased from other parts of India;

(*c*) what is the total value of the medicines locally manufactured and purchased?

A.—The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. H. V. Ramasvami).—

	1930-31	1931-32	1932-33
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(*a*)	82,735	78,795	93,339
(*b*)	60,200	66,815	1,20,792
(*c*)	26,600	35,054	20,167
Total ...	1,69,535	1,80,664	2,34,298

	1933-34	1934-35
	Rs.	Rs.
(*a*)	46,982	80,480
(*b*)	79,516	86,420
(*c*)	22,592	31,670
Total ...	1,49,090	1,98,570

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Are you taking steps to prepare all medicines locally as far as possible?

The SENIOR SURGEON (Sastravaidyapravina Dr. S. Subba Rao).—Yes; last year, for example, more than Rs. 31,000 worth of medicines have been prepared locally in the Government Industrial Laboratory. If the same medicines were imported from outside, they would have cost us much more.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that foreign medicines do not suit us so well as local ones?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—I do not think so.

Mr. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—In 1932-33, there is a cent per cent increase in the value of medicines purchased from outside as compared with the purchase during the previous year, and there is also a fall in the medicines purchased locally. What is the reason?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—Notice.

Travelling Libraries.

Q.—6. Messrs. T. MADIAH GOWDA (Chennapatna Taluk); **R. RANGIAH** (Chennapatna Municipality); **VEERASANJEEVE GOWDA** (Closepet Taluk); **S. KARIAPPA** (Kankanhalli Taluk) and **A. M. VENKATASAMIAH** (Closepet Municipality).—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) were travelling libraries instituted at any time;

(*b*) if so, when;

(*c*) what is the amount spent for purchase of books to these libraries;

(*d*) how many travelling libraries are in working order at present?

A.—The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. H. V. Ramasvami).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In 1919.

(*c*) Rs. 15,400.

(*d*) Nil.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—What was the number of travelling libraries organised in 1919?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—Notice.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—What happened to the books after the libraries ceased to function?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—They were given to various schools at taluk headquarters.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—What was the total number of books?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—There were about 77 sets.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Are all the books in use in those schools at present?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—That is the presumption.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Is there no necessity for travelling libraries now?

The SECOND MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina S. P. Rajagopalachari).—They were not working properly and in view of that experience, they were closed down.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Is it not possible to revive the libraries and make them work better?

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—Every attempt was made in that direc-